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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY - MARCH 8

1. NYT (PAGE 3) ALVIN SHUSTER FROM ROME REPORTS SOCIALIST PARTY PLEDGE TO WORK WITH COMMUNISTS TO PUSH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS INTO THE OPPOSITION. ALSO OTHER PAPERS.

2. NYT (PAGE 11) JOHN FINNEY REPORTS PROXMIRE AND ASPIN CHARGE ADMINISTRATION DISTORTING AND EXAGGERATING INTEL- LIGENCE ESTIMATES OF SOVIET MILITARY BUDGET.

3. NYT (PAGE 31) REPORTS THE LOS ANGELES TIMES SAID NIXON ADMINISTRATION ORDERED FBI TO RESUME EARLIER PRACTICE OF MAKING DIRECT REPORTS TO THE PRESIDENT ON CONTACTS BETWEEN THE SOVIET EMBASSY AND AMERICAN POLITICAL FIGURES.

4. WP (PAGE 17) ROBERT KAISER SAYS REPORTS THAT AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW HAS BEEN BOMBARDED FOR YEARS BY A MYSTERIOUS FORM OF RADIATION HAVE ASTOUNDED AND ANGERED MANY U.S. OFFICIALS WHO HAVE SERVED IN SOVIET CAPITAL.

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5. WP (OP-ED PAGE) EVAN-NOVAK'S "THE MICROWAVE AFFAIR"

SAYS OFFICIALS CRITICAL OF "QUIET DIPLOMACY" BELIEVE

STATE DEPARTMENT EMISSARIES SHOULD HAVE POUNDED THE TABLE
INSTEAD OF WRINGING THEIR HANDS.

6. WP (OP-ED PAGE) SENATOR JOHN GLEN'S "BITING THE
NUCLEAR BULLET" SAYS AS MAJOR DEVELOPER AND SUPPLIER
OF BENEFITS OF CIVILIAN NUCLEAR ENERGY, U.S. MUST TAKE
LEAD TO ASSURE ITS PEACEFUL APPLICATION WITH NO WEAPONS
SPILL-OFF BUT THIS WILL REQUIRE STRONG SOVIET-U.S.
COOPERATION AND RECENT INDICATIONS SOVIET CONCERN ABOUT
THIS MATTER SUGGESTS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY EXISTS FOR
SUCH COOPERATION IN THIS AREA.

7. SUN (PAGE 3) MOSCOW REPORT SAYS SOVIETS HAVE REDUCED
PLANNED GROWTH OF ITS FOOD INDUSTRY FOR THE NEXT FIVE
YEARS. ALSO OTHER PAPERS.

8. STAR (PAGE 3) HENRY BRADSHER REPORTS LATEST AMERICAN
AND SOVIET COUNTERPROPOSALS FOR SALT II AGREEMENT ARE
NOT EXPECTED BY SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS TO LEAD
TO A QUICK AGREEMENT AND TIME IS THEREFORE RUNNING
OUT FOR A NEW TREATY THIS YEAR.

9. STAR (PAGE 3) JERRY O'LEARY REPORTS ON SECRETARY'S
INTERVIEW IN U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT TAKING AS HIS
LEAD SECRETARY NOT EXCLUDING NUCLEAR RESPONSE.

10. STAR (PAGE 7) AP REPORTS SOVIET UNION HAS SHIPPED
NEW SUPPLIES OF WEAPONS TO MOZAMBIQUE AMID REPORTS OF
INCREASED GUERRILLA OPERATIONS AGAINST RHODESIA ACCORDING
TO U.S. INTELLIGENCE SOURCES. KISSINGER

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